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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2155

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KUWAITI FONMIN TO VISIT IRAN, PRC, AND INDONESIA

1. KUWAITI PRESS PUBLISHES FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR THE
OFFICIAL VISITS OF KUWAITI FONMIN, SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD
AL-JABER AL-SABAH, TO IRAN, PRC AND INDONESIA DURING FIRST
TWO WEEKS IN MAY. THIS WILL BE FONMIN'S FIRST VISIT
TO PEKING. IN ADDITION, HE WILL BE TAKING REST STOPS IN
HONG KONG, JAPAN, AND INDIA AS INDICATED.

2. ITINERARY: TEHRAN MAY 1-3; PEKING MAY 4-7; TOKYO
AND HONG KONG MAY 7-9; JAKARTA MAY 9-12; BOMBAY
MAY 13-14; RETURN TO KUWAIT MAY 14.

3. MFA INFORMED US APRIL 23 THAT FONMIN'S DELEGATION
NOT YET SELECTED.

4. BIO SUMMARY OF FONMIN FOLLOWS: SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD
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AL-JABER AL-SABAH, MEMBER SENIOR BRANCH OF RULING FAMILY,
HAS BEEN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE JANUARY 1963.
HE IS PERSONALLY FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED STATES. DURING
HIS MINISTRY HOWEVER, KUWAIT HAS CAREFULLY SOUGHT A MIDDLE
ROAD IN ARAB POLITICS, AND ITS FOREIGN POLICY REFLECTS
THIS OBJECTIVE. SABAH'S PUBLIC STANCES, WHILE NOT
HOSTILE TO THE WEST, HAVE FAITHFULLY SUPPORTED ARAB

POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY ON ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM. FOURTH
OF EIGHT SONS OF THE LATE RULER, SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD WAS BORN
IN KUWAIT IN 1929. HE HAS HAD NO FORMAL HIGHER EDUCATION.
APPOINTED IN 1954 TO SHORT-LIVED HIGH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AND EARNED REPUTATION AS HARD-WORKING, APPROACHABLE
AND ABLE ADMINISTRATOR. APPOINTED HEAD OF
DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND OF PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS
IN 1956. BECAME MINISTER OF GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION IN
JANUARY 1962 IN KUWAIT'S FIRST CABINET UNDER NEW CONSTI-
TUTION. HELD THIS POST UNTIL PRESENT APPOINTMENT.
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